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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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KARWOWSKI, MELODY KLEIN,
MICHAEL MCBRIDE, and AIMEN
HALIM, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GEN DIGITAL INC. a corporation, and
JUMPSHOT INC., a corporation,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:22-cv-08981-RFL

**PLAINTIFFS' OBJECTIONS TO
DECLARATION OF ISKANDER
SANCHEZ ROLA IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO COMPEL
COMPLIANCE WITH SUBPOENAS
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF
CIVIL PROCEDURE 45**

Assigned to Hon. Rita F. Lin
Courtroom 15

1 Plaintiffs Grace Lau, Christopher Karwowski, Melody Klein, Michael McBride and
 2 Aimen Halim (the “Plaintiffs”) hereby object to the Declaration of Iskander Sanchez Rola
 3 in Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion to Compel Compliance With Subpoenas Pursuant to
 4 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45.

EVIDENCE	PLAINTIFFS’ OBJECTIONS
<p>7 Paragraph 10: This is not a valid 8 inference. It is commonplace for the 9 domain parameter to be specified for a 10 cookie, so as to include subdomains of the 11 specified domain. This is because websites 12 frequently encompass multiple subdomains 13 and some cookies may need to function 14 across those subdomains. For example, 15 Avast’s website spans a number of 16 subdomains, such as forum.avast.com, 17 store.avast.com, and blog.avast.com, and 18 some cookies are needed to work across 19 those various domains. Defining the 20 domain parameter for the cookies as 21 “avast.com” helps to accomplish this. The 22 fact that the cookies may also be sent to the 23 URLite Service—which operates on the 24 avast.com domain but is not part of 25 Avast’s website—is a byproduct of this 26 setting. But there is no reason to conclude 27 that it is an intended consequence. And in</p>	<p>7 Paragraph 10: Objection as irrelevant where declarant only claims that “some cookies” need to work across Avast’s various domains. Declarant does not claim that all of the cookies for which Defendant set the domain attribute as avast.com are needed to work across Avast’s various domains. Objection on the grounds that declarant lacks foundation where the declaration does not identify any such cookies that “are needed to work across [Avast’s] various domains.” Objection on the grounds that declarant lacks foundation where this paragraph fails to describe why the language preference setting cookie discussed in paragraph 12.b., which was shown in the Declaration of Atif Hashmi, Dkt. 97-2, Figure 3, would not need to work across Avast.com subdomains.</p>

any event this consequence is insignificant if the URLite Service does not do anything with any cookies that might be appended to traffic that is sent to it.

Paragraph 11: Second, the Hashmi Declaration also suggests that the cookies used by Avast have been “reconfigured” recently so that they no longer specify the domain parameter and therefore are “no longer sent to ... Avast’s subdomains, including urlite.ff.avast.com.” *Id.* ¶ 10. The proof asserted for this is a comparison of a cookie that Mr. Hashmi observed Avast setting on his browser in May 2024 versus a cookie that he observed Avast setting on his browser in August 2024: The first cookie included a defined domain parameter whereas the second did not. *See id.* ¶¶ 8-10. However, the two cookies referenced are entirely different cookies, as can be seen from the screenshots of the two cookies Mr. Hashmi provides—which contain entirely different data. *Compare* Hashmi Decl. Fig. 2 *with id.* Fig. 3. The fact that the domain parameter is specified in one cookie but not the other only indicates that some cookies used by Avast

Paragraph 11: Objection on the grounds that declarant lacks foundation in his role as Director of Innovation to testify directly about whether the domain parameter has changed. The declaration does not expound on declarant’s roles and responsibilities as Director of Innovation for Defendant, and does not explain whether the Director of Innovation for Defendant has any insight into or control over Avast’s code that sets domain parameters.

1 need to work across the various
2 subdomains constituting the Avast website,
3 and some do not. The difference in the
4 two cookies does not indicate that there has
5 been any recent change in Avast's
6 practices.

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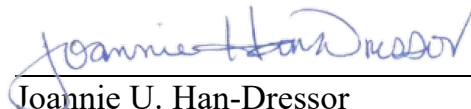
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